

MoDOT

## Points to Remember...

- It is illegal to place unauthorized signs on highway right of way.
- MoDOT's removal policy is consistent statewide.
- MoDOT will remove these signs for safety reasons because they obstruct drivers' vision and distract drivers. The signs also interfere with MoDOT roadside operations.
- MoDOT staff will try to contact sign owners and notify them that the signs must be removed within 24 hours.
- Removed signs will be held at the nearest MoDOT maintenance facility for candidates to pick up.
- MoDOT will help identify right of way boundaries upon request.
- Sign owners should obtain landowner permission before placing signs on private property.

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## *Campaign Signs on Highway Right of Way*



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## *Why can't political campaign signs be placed on highway right of way?*

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To keep Missouri's roadsides safe for travelers, the Missouri Department of

Transportation (MoDOT) reminds political candidates it is illegal to place private signs on state right of way (Mo. Rev. Stat. Sec. 227.220(2)). The signs may obstruct drivers' vision and distract drivers. The signs also interfere with MoDOT roadside operations such as mowing and maintaining the roads.

## *If my signs are removed, can I get them back from MoDOT?*

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Yes. MoDOT's removal policy is consistent statewide. MoDOT staff will try to contact sign owners and notify them that signs on highway right of way must be removed.

MoDOT will remove the signs upon owner request or if the owner does not respond in 24 hours or cannot be reached.

The exception to this procedure is for signs that create an immediate safety hazard. For example, a sign that blocks sight distance at an intersection is an immediate safety hazard. These will be removed as soon as the hazard is identified, and the sign owner will then be notified.

## *Where will my signs be taken? Is there a number I can call?*

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Removed signs will be held for owners to pick up at the nearest MoDOT maintenance facility. Facilities are located in all 11 counties served by MoDOT's Southwest District. These counties include Barry, Barton, Bates, Cedar, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, St. Clair and Vernon.

For more information or to locate removed signs, call MoDOT's Customer Service center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (888-275-6636).

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